



Trail News

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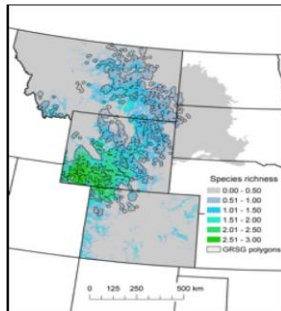
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*** SGI Applications Deadline is Friday, June 20th ***

Deadline for the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) applications is June 20th, 2014. This is the third batching opportunity. Please contact your local NRCS office or Blaise Allen at 307-272-7265 for more information.



Sage Decisions: A New Tool for Sage-Steppe Management

This Decision Support Tool prototype helps compare management options for the economic viability of grazing lands with what sage-dependent songbirds and grouse need for healthy habitat. This tool allows a land manager to plug in the existing state of a site with what they are trying to achieve on it to calculate best management options. For more information visit:

<http://iwjv.org/news/sage-decisions-new-tool-sage-steppe-management>



Sage-Grouse Update Newsletter No. 11

Below is a link for the 11th issue of the Sage-Grouse Update Newsletter designed to help keep folks from agencies, industries, and other organizations up to date with information regarding Executive Order 2011-5, the Density and Disturbance Calculation Tool (DDCT), and related topics. http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Wildlife/pdfs/SG_NEWSLETTER110005864.pdf

Inside this issue: Greater Sage-Grouse Umbrella CCAA Information.....SGIT Updates

DDCT Web Application Updates.....Additional Information to Keep You in the Loop

Update on Current Inter-agency Work

Newsletters are also posted on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department website at:

<http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/wildlife-1000817.aspx>

*** Eastern Washington State Sage Grouse Initiative Success Story ***

Working Ranch Magazine's June-July 2014 issue features a Sage Grouse Initiative partner success story from eastern Washington: "If you're looking for Allen Miller, there's a good chance he's on horseback, picking his way through lava rock, sagebrush, and tall grass on a far part of his land, the Tower Rock Ranch. That's the best way to check cows, mend fences, and keep an eye on range conditions in the rugged coulees of the Columbia River Basin." Read the entire article at:

<http://www.sagegrouseinitiative.com/washington-big-scale-conservation-starts-rancher-allen-millers-kitchen-table/>

<http://www.sagegrouseinitiative.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/WorkingRanchMagazine-SGI-June2014.pdf>



USDA is awarding \$6 million to universities and cooperative state extension services to develop online decision tools and other materials and train experts to educate producers about several key farm bill programs. The new Web tools will help farmers and ranchers determine what participation in programs established by the **2014 Farm Bill** will mean for their businesses. The new resources will help farmers and ranchers make an educated choice between the new Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program and the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. Using the new online tools, producers will be able to use data unique to their specific farming operations combined with factors like the geographical diversity of crops, soils, weather and climates across the country to test a variety of financial scenarios before officially signing up for the new program options later this year. Once a producer enrolls in the ARC or PLC program, he or she must remain in the program through the 2018 crop year.

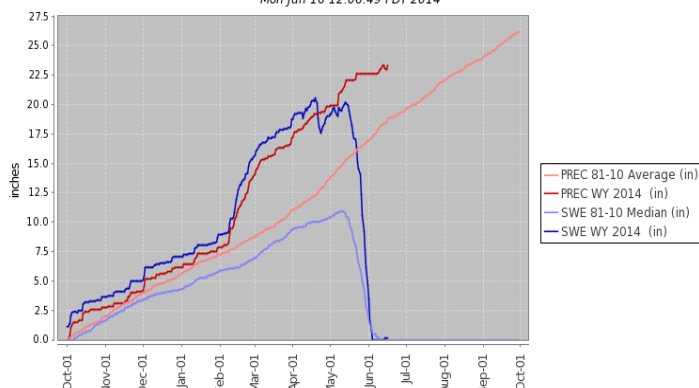
SAVE TIME – MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH FSA.. As we roll out the Farm Bill programs administered by FSA, there will be related signups, and in some cases, multiple management decisions that need to be made by you, the producer, in consult with FSA staff. To insure maximum use of your time and to insure that you are afforded our full attention to your important business needs, please call our office ahead of your visit to set an appointment and to discuss any records or documentation that you may need to have with you when you arrive for your appointment. For local FSA Service Center contact information, please visit: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>. For the latest on 2014 Farm Bill programs administered by FSA, please visit our Farm Bill website at www.fsa.usda.gov/farmbill and for an FSA program overview please read, download and/or print our recently posted FSA Farm Bill Fact Sheet titled, *What's in the 2014 Farm Bill for Farm Service Agency Customers?* located at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20140311_insup_en_fbil.html

--- SNOTEL Updates as of 06/16/2014 ---

For more current updates, log on to: www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snotel/Wyoming/wyoming.html

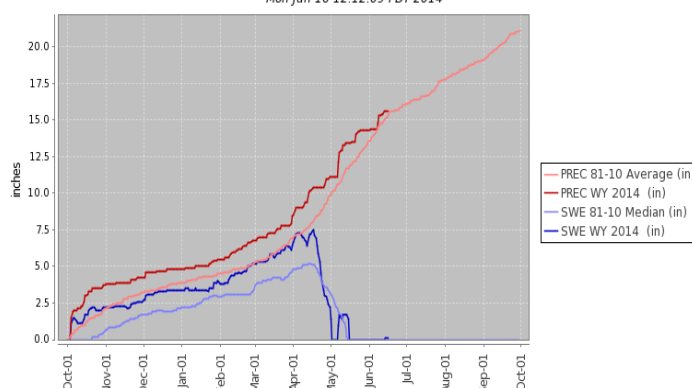
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-----Reminders and Updates-----

June 20 ~ Deadline for third batching NRCS applications.

July 9 ~ 7:00 p.m. MCD Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting at the MCD office, 910 Park Avenue, Meeteetse. The public is welcome.

July 14 ~ 1:00 p.m. MCD Budget Hearing at the MCD office, 910 Park Avenue, Meeteetse. Open to the public.

July 14 ~ MCD Board of Supervisors' Special Board Meeting to immediately follow the budget hearing. The public is welcome.

Through its *Trail News*, the MCD hopes to keep the community informed, and all of us here, as your local government, encourage you to give us feedback, fresh ideas and comments so that the District can represent the Meeteetse community in the best way possible. For a copy of the Trail News by email, please call us at 307-868-2484 or send an email request to: mcd@tctwest.net.

Happy Trails to You! Bernie, Blaise, Ginny, Steffen, and Steve